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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE GRANTED JOHN C. WYSS AND DAVID J. ROGERS

REF: SECSTATE 183061

1. The Hague warmly welcomes and grants country clearance to John C. and David J. Rogers to travel to the Netherlands November 15 ? 17, 20 the Diamond Flight '07 Seminar at Volkel Air Force Base.

2. The Embassy understands that no assistance is required.

POST ACCESS:

3. Visitors who need unescorted access into secure areas of the Mission provide proof of a clearance. If level of clearance was not provided country clearance request it should be done by separate cable. The classification, security number, and the name of the agency granting the security clearance. Cab the ASEC tag to ensure distribution to the RSO office.

COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS USE:

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4. Inter-agency security standards prohibit the introduction or use of owned computer hardware and software at all USG diplomatic facilities palm pilots, radios and other convenience electronics are prohibited the Mission.

5. Travelers who anticipate having special needs in terms of either a computer usage should contact the RSO office before arriving at post.

SECURITY ADVISORY:

6. Since July 9, 2004, the Dutch Government has implemented heightened measures in response to concerns of terrorist activity. U.S. citizens are encouraged to monitor media reports, and are reminded to maintain a heightened vigilance and to take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness.

Tensions in the Netherlands are high, sparked by the November 2, 2004 Dutch film producer known for his outspoken criticism of Islam; and a November 10, 2004 raid on a home of suspected terrorists, which led to an all-day stand-off ended with the arrest of three individuals and non-fatal injuries to two police.

Subsequent arrests were made in connection to this raid and revealed that these suspects had ties to known terrorist groups. The Gov-wide overhaul of its Counter-Terrorism measures, including providing resources to combat violent Islamic radicalism. There have been a series of arson attacks directed at mosques and Islamic schools in the Netherlands, and actions against several churches. American citizens should bear in mind that demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly violent. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of conflict if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

The U.S. Government remains deeply concerned about the heightened possibility of terrorist attacks against U.S. citizens and interests abroad. As noted in the State's Worldwide Caution of September 10, 2004, terrorists do not distinguish between official and civilian targets. Such targets may include facilities where foreigners congregate or visit, including residential areas, cultural institutions, and

of worship, schools, hotels and public areas. Terrorist actions may be limited to, suicide operations, assassination, hijackings, bombings or may involve aviation and other transportation and maritime interests.

An area of concern for visitors to the Netherlands is crime. Most crimes committed by Americans are limited to pick-pocketing and purse and luggage theft. Automobiles and hotel rooms are not unknown. Recently, theft of laptops increased, especially at Schiphol Airport and major train stations. Small groups that target travelers. They are determined and well-organized. Official travelers have been victimized, losing personal or valuable computers, software and data. Travelers are reminded that regulation of the diplomatic pouch for shipment of classified equipment and information

Streets can be walked in relative safety but, as in any U.S. urban area, vigilance should be exercised especially after dark in the more populous areas of The Hague, Amsterdam and Rotterdam. Red-light districts and public transportation are common locations for incidents of street crimes.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet site at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Cautions, Public Alerts and Travel Warnings can be found. Up-to-date information on security in the U.S. can be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free. In the U.S., call the 1-800 number at 1-312-434-8888, line 1. Numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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